

MILLER LOG HOUSE

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Off Route 36, Midland  
ca. 1800

Although the Miller House is in deteriorated condition, it was originally a two story log mansion that was probably constructed around 1800. Logs in the house were mortised and tenoned together while the original gabled roof was covered with shingles. A large outside end brick and stone chimney is located on the south side of the building. The farmhouse is located on the outskirts of Midland and is part of a large group of late 18th and early 19th century structures still extant in the George's Creek area.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Miller Log House

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off Route 36

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER

None

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

C. O. Miller

Telephone #: 463-2948

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 528

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21532

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☐ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☒ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Miller Log House is located off Route 36 on the C. O. Miller Farm near Midland, Allegany County.

Although the Miller House is in deteriorated condition, it was originally a large, square, two story, log building. At present the house is partially covered with weatherboard. Logs in the house are laid with "v" notching with small pieces of wood used as chinking. The majority of windows have been boarded up; however, the few that remain are pegged, double hung wooden sash frames with six over six lights. Only one entrance remains located on the east side it features a verticle paneled door. The remains of a shed roof porch cover what used to be the west entrance. The roof has long since caved in. However, a large outside end brick and stone chimney is located on the south side of the house.

A small, square wash house is located near the main house. It is covered in weatherboard and rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof is gabled with a large overhang which covers the entrance. The door consist of a board and batten entrance with original hardware.

The Miller House is in very poor condition but nevertheless retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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**3 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although the Miller House is in deteriorated condition, it was originally a two story log mansion. The house was probably constructed in about 1800 by a member of the Combs family. The logs were mortised and tenoned together while the original gabled roof was covered with shingles. The building originally contained a kitchen, living room and bedroom on the first floor and four more bedrooms on the second floor.<sup>1</sup> The farmhouse is located on what is now the outskirts of Midland and is part of a large group of late 18th and early 19th century structures still extant in the George's Creek area.

1 Dorothy G. Kave, "The Heritage Press", Vol. I, No. 10, August 1972, p. 4

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# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 95.6 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

HISTORIC SITE  
SURVEY INVENTORY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Miller Log House					
AND/OR HISTORIC:					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Maryland Route 36					
CITY OR TOWN: north of Midland					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Allegany		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments abandoned
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: C.O. Miller					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Midland			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Allegany County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: 30 Washington Street					
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY:					
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house stands on the westerly side of Maryland Route 36, north of Midland, Allegany County.

The Miller Log House, in ruinous condition, is an early nineteenth century log structure, two and a half stories high, that sets on the side of a hill and has a stone foundation, a wood shingle covered gable roof, and the remains of one story porches on the north and south sides. The logs are V-notched with square ends and has large spaces between them. The exterior was covered with clapboards. The windows and doorsteps that remain have wide frames. The few windows have double-hung wooden sashes with six-over-six lights. The one remaining door has six shallow raised panels.

The interior is completely gone.

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**8. SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- ☐ Pre-Columbian      ☐ 16th Century      ☐ 18th Century      ☐ 20th Century  
☐ 15th Century      ☐ 17th Century      ☒ 19th Century

**SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)** early**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education    | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering  | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry     | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention    | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape    | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature   | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military     |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Music        |  |  |

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Miller Log House is representative of the early nineteenth century domestic architecture of Allegany County. Probably built about 1810 - the raised panels of the remaining door are shallow, a feature characteristic of the 1810 period - the house was in continuous use as a residence until about the 1940s when it was abandoned.

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Heritage Press, Vol. I, No. 10 (August, 1972), Published for Conservation Society of Allegany County, MD.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE: Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey		DATE 5/26/75
ORGANIZATION Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.		
STREET AND NUMBER: Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510		
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland	STATE Maryland	

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-054001

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DATE: 12/15/76

95.6 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Miller Log House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Off Rt 36

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: C. O. Miller 463-2948

ADDRESS: Rt 1, Box 528

Frostburg, MD. 21530

STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Springhouse

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(☒) LOG  
(☒) Other: Coverings Clapboard

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plais

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6(☒) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West  
HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) None  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

None ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE(☒) CORBELED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(☒) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

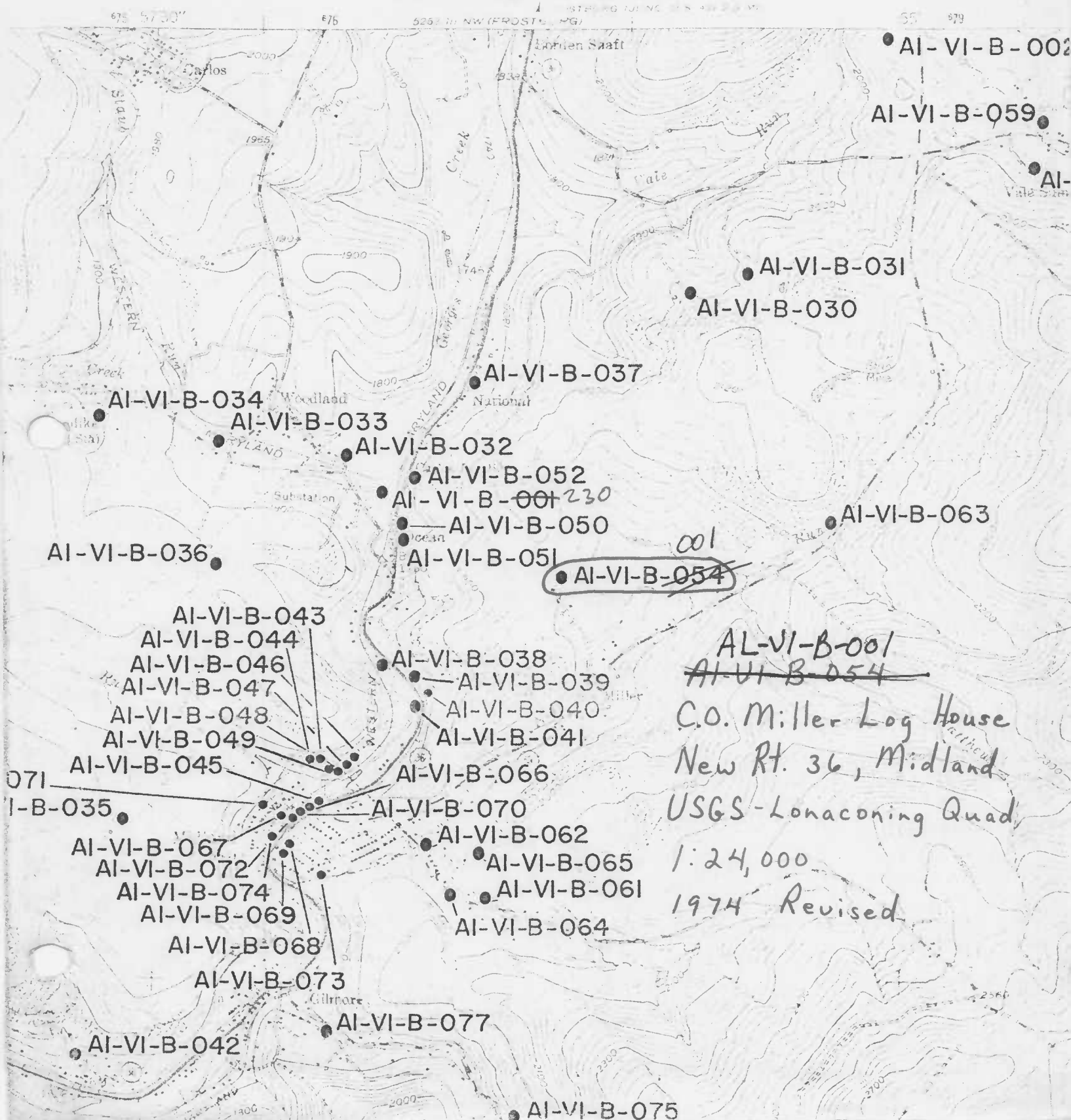
COMMENTS:

Use - None  
Significance - A. A  
Date Constructed -  
Condition - Ruins

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# SECTION VI QUADRANGLE B

STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND GEOLOGICAL SURVEY





Miller Log House

md. Route 36

Midland area

Allegheny Co, md.

NE view

1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS



Miller Log House

Md. Route 36

Midland area

Allegheny Co, Md

SW

1974

RONALD L. ANDREWS

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C.O. Miller log house  
Off Rt. 36  
northeast of Midland  
12/15/76  
Jean Baldwin  
north west



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C.O. Miller Log House

Off Rt. 36

Northeast of Midland

12/15/76

John Nelson

Southwest



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Miller Log House  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 2/81  
View to East



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Miller Log House  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 2/81  
View to west



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Miller Log House   Milkhouse

Allegany Co., MD

David A. Dorsey 2/81

Western Facade



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C.O. Miller log house

Off Rt. 36

northeast of Midland

12/13/76

John Nelson

northwest

Spring house



Children of the  
1940s

1940s

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Miller Log House  
Allegany Co., MD  
David A. Dorsey 2/81  
Old Photo



Lighthouse near Midland  
Route 36  
Allegheny County, old  
SW view

R. L. ANDREWS  
649 PHILADELPHIA AVE.  
CHAMBERSBURG, PA. 17201

1974

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